

SORROWS OF WERTHER.

Werther had a love for Charlotte. Such as words could never utter. Would you know how first he met her? She was cutting bread and butter. Charlotte was a married lady. And a moral man was Werther; And, for all the wealth of Indies, Would do nothing for to hurt her. So he sighed, and pined, and ogled, And his passion boiled and bubbled, Till he blew his silly brains out, And no more was by it troubled. Charlotte having seen his body Borne before her on a shunter, Like a well-conducted person, Went on cutting bread and butter. —Thackeray.

GOLD AND ITS GOINGS.

From the Christian Union. The estimated amount of gold in existence at the commencement of the Christian era was \$47,000,000. At the discovery of America, in 1492, this amount had diminished to \$57,000,000. In 1600 the amount had risen to \$103,000,000. In 1700 to \$351,000,000; in 1800 to \$1,251,000,000. The Russian mines, extending over one-third of the surface of the globe, on parallel 50 degrees north latitude, were discovered in 1819.

In 1843 the estimated amount of gold in existence was \$2,000,000,000. Next followed the discoveries in California, February 9, 1848, and in Australia, February 12, 1851, which added enormously to the gold production. In 1853 the amount in existence was computed at \$3,000,000,000, and in 1860 it was \$4,000,000,000.

From the commencement of the Christian era to the discovery of America, it was estimated that gold had been taken from the surface and mined to the amount of \$3,800,000,000. From that date to the close of 1848, \$2,800,000,000; to 1860, Russia adds \$746,000,000, and California and Australia \$2,000,000,000 more. The amount of gold at present in existence is estimated at \$5,960,000,000. The quantity of gold and silver of all denominations, in all quarters of the globe, is set down by the best authorities at from \$300,000,000 to 600,000,000, and the quantity of plate and ornaments at about \$400,000,000.

In the reign of Darius gold was thirteen times more valuable, weight for weight, than silver. In the time of Plato it was twelve times as valuable. In that of Julius Cæsar gold was only nine times more valuable, owing, perhaps, to the enormous quantity of gold seized by him in his wars. It is a natural question to ask what became of the gold and silver.

A paper read before the Polytechnic Association by Dr. Stephens, recently, is calculated to meet this inquiry. He says of our gold product full 15 per cent. is melted down for manufacture; 35 per cent. goes to Europe; 25 per cent. to Cuba; 15 per cent. to Brazil; 5 per cent. direct to Japan, China, and the Indies; leaving but 5 per cent. for circulation in this country. Of that which goes to Cuba, the West Indies, and Brazil, full 50 per cent. finds its way to Europe, where, after deducting a large percentage used in manufacturing, four-fifths of the remainder is exported to India. Here the transit of the precious metal is at an end. Here the supply, however vast, is absorbed, and never returns to the civilized world.

A PAPAL "MIRACLE"

Shortly after Easter an event occurred in Rome which had but few witnesses, and has since been cautiously and timidly whispered through the streets. As it, however, throws an interesting light on the state of things in the Eternal City, and on the "views of the Pope regarding his own person and office, it deserves to be known in Germany. The scene is at Monte Mario, in the neighborhood of Villa Melini. Leaning heavily on the arm of an attendant, the Pope climbed the steep ascent, the impetuosity of corporeal weakness and decrepitude. Every road and path about Rome is continually besieged by beggars. The blind, the halt, and the sufferers from the terrible malaria solicit everywhere the charity of the passer-by. Among a troop of mendicants there was one lame of both feet, who seemed to have a particular claim to the compassion of the venerated. As his Holiness drew near, the wretched countenance of the beggar brightened up; he raised his hands, and every feature seemed to say:—"Master, have pity on me!" Pope Pius went up to him, and when he recollect his very decided penchant for miracles, and his firm conviction that he himself is a wonderful instrument of Divine Providence, we can easily comprehend the sequel. Profoundly agitated, he raised his hand, and said to the infirm mendicant: "Arise, take up thy bed and walk!" It is hardly possible to form an idea of the effect produced on the poor sufferer by these words issuing from the mouth of infallibility. He stood a moment as if electrified, and then with sparkling eyes sprang up, and advanced two or three paces. The countenance of the Pope beamed with rapture, but in a few seconds the seemingly-healed beggar fell heavily to the ground. Like a soldier pressing forward with desperate energy to the attack of an inexpugnable fortress, the Pontiff cried a second time:—"Arise and walk!" but when the patient sprang up again only to fall down anew, the hands of the Pope trembled, his voice became hoarse, and he repeated the command a third time, stammering. Yet another convulsive effort, and the eyes of the half-savage and filthy Lazarus revealed horribly all his suffering and his disappointment. The face of Pope Pius became deadly pale, and he was borne, half-fainting, to his carriage. In another moment the vehicle was rolling away at a furious pace, while the unfortunate mendicant lay writhing on the street and groaning: "Madonna, Madonna!" This anecdote is highly characteristic of Pius IX. His self-assumed omnipotence and his mania for personal infallibility are in him not policy but earnest conviction, though his undoubting faith in himself has, no doubt, been dexterously made subservient to the favorite policy of others. —North German Correspondent—from Die Gartenlaube.

A FASHIONABLE DINNER PARTY IN CHINA.

The dinner party is conducted with some ceremony by the fashionable classes; the invitations are written on the finest paper, silk or satin of bright color, the rank and titles of guests being punctiliously set forth; and the same etiquette is observed in the placing of the guests at the table on the right and left of the entertainer, who can then offer them personally some of the dishes of the feast. Sometimes the dinner is served with small square tables to each guest, at other times, at one large round table, and the dinner is a la russe, as we should say, the table being ornamented with porcelain vases filled with beautiful flowers, either real or artificial, and other ornamental objects. When the host wishes to show any marked attention, he picks all the choice bits he can find from the best dishes with his chopsticks, and places them on his friend's plate. In return for this

favor the guest endeavors to show his full relish of the good things laid before him by belching after each fresh dish his thanks. A small cup of the finest tea is always the first thing served, and a tiny cup with a plate and chopsticks is placed before each person, when the servants who are plainly dressed, bring the first course of sharks-fin soup, steamed sea-slugs (biche de mer), preserved eggs boiled hard and sliced, dried fish, meat cooked in various succulent ways, and stewed ducks. Many varieties of cookery follow, and sometimes, though rarely, the famous bird's-nest soup of the Java or Sumatra swallow, the costliness of this luxury placing it beyond the reach of any but the wealthy. It is, as most people know, the nest found in the cliffs and rocks; and besides the great difficulty and danger of procuring them, as the sapphire-gatherer pursues his perilous trade, they require an immense amount of careful preparation to render them fit for cooking. Sweetmeats of every kind, ginger, almonds, oranges, leeches, pine-apples, guavas, bananas, peaches, are some of the nicest served. A wine is drunk, very much of the color of pale sherry, and the little cups are kept filled by the servants with this wine, the chill being taken off, out of small silver vessels shaped like an English teakettle. The dining-room of a mandarin, or any other wealthy gentleman's house, is furnished with chairs and teapots, and a centre table, with two large, massive arm-chairs; the upper third of the walls is of open carved wood work, filled up with oil-paint instead of glass, the doorway being covered by a screen or curtain of red cloth, and at the upper end is a raised dais, with a miniature table with a red cushion on each side of it. The house always stands on a raised terrace, and has two court yards at least, with a verandah, in which hang many lanterns of variegated colors, in silk, paper, and horn. In the other court the sedan-chairs of the family are kept, and the chair coolies are always waiting there to answer any summons. —Temple Bar.

DICKENS AT HOME. Appleton's Journal says:—"Mr. Franklin Ship, a Washington bookseller, who was well acquainted with Dickens, published the following extract from a diary which he kept while in England last year, and which gives some details of the home-life of the great author:—"July 25, 1869.—Went to Charing-cross station at 10:40, met Dickens there (by appointment), accompanied Mr. Dickens, his daughter, sister-in-law, Miss Stone (sister of Marcus Stone, the artist), J. M. Kent, editor of the Sun, to Higham, by rail—gentleman walked up to Gad's Hill—ladies sent on in a carriage. On arrival (half past twelve), commenced with 'cider cup,' which had previously been ordered to ready for us—delicious cooling drink—cider, soda-water, sherry, brandy, lemon-peel, sugar and ice, flavored with an herb called burrage, all judiciously mixed. Lunch at one o'clock, completed by a liqueur which Dickens said was 'peculiar to the house.' From two to half-past five we were engaged in a large, open meadow at the back of the house, in the healthful and intellectual employment of playing 'Aunt Sally,' and rolling balls on the grass; at half-past three, interval for 'cool brandy and water,' at half-past six o'clock we dined—young Charles Dickens and a still younger Charles Dickens (making three generations) having arrived in the meantime—dinner faultless, wines irreproachable; nine to ten, billiards; ten to eleven, music in the drawing-room; eleven, 'hot and rebellious liquors,' delightfully compounded into punches; twelve, to bed.

"The house is a charming old mansion, a little modernized, the lawn exquisitely beautiful and illuminated by the thousands of scarlet geraniums; the estate is covered with thousands of magnificent old trees, and several 'cedars of Lebanon' I have never seen equalled. In the midst of a small plantation, across the road opposite the house, approached by a tunnel from the lawn under the turnpike road, is a French chateau, sent to Dickens as a present in ninety-eight packing cases! Here Mr. Dickens does most of his writing, where he can be perfectly quiet and not disturbed by anybody. I need scarcely say that the house is crowded with fine pictures, original sketches for his books, choice engravings, etc.; in fact, one might be amused for a month in looking over the objects of interest, which are numerous and beautiful. There are magnificent specimens of Newfoundland dogs on the grounds, such animals as Landseer would love to paint. One of them, Bumble, seems to be the favorite with Dickens. They are all named after characters in Dickens' works. Dickens at home seems to be perpetually jolly, and enters into the interests of games with all the ardor of a boy. Physically (as well as mentally) he is immensely strong, having regained his wonted health and strength. He is an immense walker, and never seems to be fatigued. He breakfasts at eight o'clock; immediately after answers all the letters received that morning, writes until one o'clock, lunches, walks twelve miles (every day), dines at six, and passes the evening entertaining his numerous friends. He told me, when a boy, his father frequently took him for a walk in the vicinity of Gad's Hill, and he always had a desire to become, some day, the owner of the house in which he now resides."

COLORS MEN AND THE DOCTOR.—"Avery College," Pittsburg—an institution for colored students—it appears, has the right to confer degrees, and at commencement last week exercised it by making Senator Revels a D. D., with three others, and Judge J. J. Wright, of South Carolina, an LL. D. The Pittsburg Commercial reports the proceedings as follows:—"In conferring the degree of D. D. upon Senator Revels, Dr. Garnett said:—"Mr. Revels, Senator of the United States from the State of Mississippi—In behalf of the trustees and faculty of this institution, I have the honor to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Divinity. I remember on one occasion I heard you say in the city of New York that you considered the fact that you were once a minister of the gospel as a greater honor than any you had ever received. For your love for your race, for your honor of the Holy Scriptures, and your faithfulness in preaching the everlasting gospel, I confer upon you, in behalf of this institution, the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and may God bless you." [Applause.]

In conferring the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Judge Wright, Dr. Garnett said:—"Hon. J. J. Wright, Judge of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, and formerly a member of the bar of Pennsylvania:—If I had no other reason for conferring upon you this honorary degree, it would be sufficient to know that any gentleman belonging to the colored race had become a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Carolina (applause), a State famous for a great many things, which I have not time to mention. Born among these free hills, struggling up among a great many difficulties, asking no favors,

but making your way from an humble law school to the Supreme Bench of the State of South Carolina, we take the pleasure of pronouncing upon you a degree which never has been pronounced upon a colored man on this continent—North, South, East, or West—that of Doctor of Laws." [Applause.]

AN INDIAN ROMANCE.—Grace Greenwood writes as follows:—"At the Land Office, the other day, Mr. Wilson, the Indian Commissioner, who has collected a remarkably good and valuable cabinet and museum, showed us a singular trophy of Indian warfare—a head-dress of the most frightful and diabolical description. It was composed of buffalo horns and skin, adorned with wampum and tinsel, and long, wild tufts of buffalo hair. Depending from this was a tail of inordinate length, also tinselled and tufted, with small sleigh-bells running all the way down it. This unique accoutrement was once the property of Tall Bull, a Cheyenne chief, who was killed in a fight with the U. S. 5th Cavalry, near Pawnee, in the fall of 1867, under General Carr, some time last summer. When this chief, who was a gigantic savage, saw that the day was lost, he put his wife and child on a pony, and sent them within our lines, telling them to surrender to the whites. The Indian woman, who was kindly received, said that when her husband told her she must give herself up, she urged him to go with her, but that he covered his ears with his hands to shut out her entreaties, and rushed back into the fight, which was the last she ever saw of the lamented Tall Bull. He was speedily killed, and these are his remains. In this same engagement, another Cheyenne woman, young and remarkably handsome, came dashing into our ranks, with two children strapped to her pony. But she did not come to surrender. She came like a fighting fury, armed with a long knife, with which she struck frantically right and left. At last, seeing herself about to be captured, she stabbed to the heart first one child, then the other, then herself, and so perished—a Medea whom there is no Euripides to immortalize."

AN ATTACK ON STRAUSS.—A Vienna paper gives this account of a gross outrage on Herr Strauss, the celebrated composer and director of dance music:—"It appears that some Russian officers of Warsaw, some of whom were of high rank, came at midnight to the restaurant in the 'Swiss garden,' and asked for supper. The proprietor told them it was too late, as all his servants had gone to bed; but the officers created such a disturbance that at last he went to wake the cook, and ordered him to get the supper ready. They ate and drank till one, and then asked for music. The landlord protested it would be quite impossible to get any one to play, as the musicians were scattered about in various parts of the town. Upon this one of the officers, who knew Herr Strauss personally, sent him a letter asking him to come to the restaurant immediately. The astonished musician, recognizing the handwriting of the deputy-director of the police, dressed himself, and hurried to the spot, but on learning from the officers that all they wanted of him was a little music, he was naturally much offended, and positively declined to play. 'Here,' cried one of the officers, throwing him a hundred-rouble note, 'you will play for this, I know.' Strauss indignantly replied in the negative, upon which the officer, enraged, struck him in the face. A scuffle ensued, in which the unfortunate musician was knocked down, trodden under foot, and so belabored with blows that he remained on the ground insensible. By the last accounts he was still lying at his house in a dangerous state."

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